

He is the father of two children, Karen and Clay McLeod.

As one who was a college classmate of Mike McLeod and one who has worked with him in many activities, it give me great personal pleasure to pay tribute to my trusted friend for his outstanding contributions to his community and Nation.

TRIBUTE TO JACQUELINE
BERGMAN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, Ms. Jacqueline Bergman has distinguished herself as the first female member president of the International Association of Lions Clubs, and I think it is important to recognize this landmark achievement. In 1987 she was installed as the first woman member of the Brooklyn Downtown Lions Club. This is indeed significant because it demonstrates that barriers to advancement for women are being overcome.

Ms. Bergman has served the Lions organization well. She has chaired major fundraisers, been the recipient of the organization's highest award by being designated as a Melvin Jones Fellow, and edited the club's newsletter. Jacqueline has also served as a delegate to numerous district, State and international conventions. Jacqueline lives in Brooklyn Heights, has two children, Andrew and Mona, and adores her grandson Andre. Her commitment to service is only exceeded by her desire to do the best job possible. I am honored to recognize her dedicated efforts.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MT.
ZION SEVENTH GRADE BOYS
BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and celebrate the Mt. Zion, IL, seventh grade boys basketball team and their coach, Jeff Sams, for winning the Illinois Elementary School Association 7AA State championships. Their tremendous team effort brought them back from a four point half-time deficit against the favored Lincoln Trojans. I join their families and the rest of Mt. Zion in honoring their achievement.

As all of us sports fans know, February and March are the height of the high school and college basketball seasons. The Super Bowl is over, the first sounds of spring training are just being heard, and playoffs in pro basketball and hockey are still weeks away. Moreover, in small towns across America, local sports are the only game that matters, and a community's pulse can be measured by how the local teams fare. This is the case in Mt. Zion, where 2,500 turned out to watch the championship game. They were not disappointed, as the Braves shot 58 percent en route to the victory. The excitement of playing before such a crowd is truly an exhilarating experience that those players won't soon forget, and the thrill

that the team gave to the community is equally special. As coach Sams said, "I found the whole experience to be an unforgettable memory for everyone involved."

Mr. Speaker, sports also serve to develop qualities in our children that will help them throughout their lives. Leadership, team play, and the value of physical fitness are all integrally linked to success, and I am confident that all of Mt. Zion's players will achieve even greater heights in their future endeavors. I would like to congratulate them again, and mention their names: Aaron Barger, Stephen Barger, Sean Brewer, Justin Cox, Jonathan Ellis, Ryan Kistenfeger, Matt McCollom, Neil Plank, Jake Sams, Josh Stonecipher, Matthew Trusner, and Chad Watson.

RIGHTS OF VICTIMS

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I am submitting into the RECORD a letter that was sent to me which deserves immediate attention from every Member of Congress.

Nashotah, WI, February 26, 1996.

Congressman CHARLES SCHUMER,
Committee On The Judiciary,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN SCHUMER: On July 19, 1994, my wife Karin testified before this committee on the subject of health care abuse. She was only 28 years old when she appeared before you, yet she was dying as a direct result of medical malpractice. Karin told you about our HMO, Family Health Plan in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and how for over three years her doctors misdiagnosed the classic physical symptoms of advanced cervical cancer while their lab chronically misread her pap smears and her biopsies.

Karin told you about Dr. Lipo who owned the lab while he also served on the board of directors at Family Health Plan, and how in that capacity he would see the bids from competing labs and adjust his contract to keep the HMO's business. Karin also testified about June Fricano, the lab technician, who was paid on a per slide basis, reading 5 times the federally recommended number of slides and working at as many as four other labs simultaneously.

Although our HMO repeatedly told us everything was okay, our fears drew us to look elsewhere. Within one week of going to a gynecologist outside of Family Health Plan, we received the devastating news. Had Karin been properly diagnosed in 1988, after her first positive pap smear was misread, she would have had a 95-97 percent chance of survival, but due to the gross incompetence of Family Health Plan, my wife died at 29. Next Friday marks the one year anniversary of Karin's death.

Karin fought 2 battles when she became sick and she fought them as hard as she could. She fought the cancer with chemotherapy, radiation, surgery and prayer. The other battle she fought was to protect the rights of all patients and victims of medical malpractice and she fought that battle with her words and her experiences.

Every chance she got, Karin would write letters to regulatory agencies, legislators, or go to Washington to tell her story to Congress. She spoke to the Clintons', she testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee and she spoke to you. All so that no other American would fall prey to the horrible nightmare we were forced to endure.

Karin and I experienced first hand, the overwhelming lack of continuity of care, lack of communication, lack of responsibility, lack of accountability and lack of humanity which are the hallmarks of profit driven managed care facilities in this country today.

When Karin testified before you she asked that you let her experience be your guide. She asked you for a health care system that allows choice, while providing accountability and incorporating strict mandatory medical negligence prevention. As a victim of those offenses, Karin implored you . . . "Please don't let Congress strip away the rights of victims like me." It would be her wish that we'd continue the fight in her name. Please don't let her death be in vain.

Sincerely,

PETER SMITH.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
SANDRA SCHULTZ NEWMAN

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resident of the 13th Congressional District who has a long record of service to the people of Montgomery County, PA and who now serves the entire Commonwealth with honor and distinction.

The Honorable Sandra Schultz Newman is the newest member of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Justice Newman was elected to the highest court in 1995 and became the first woman elected to serve in that distinguished office in the history of the State. Previously, she served the residents of the Keystone State as an outstanding Judge of the Commonwealth Court.

The daughter of Oscar Newman and Minerva Kaminsky Schultz. Judge Newman earned her bachelor's degree from Drexel University in Philadelphia. After receiving a master's degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, Justice Newman graduated with honors from Villanova University Law School where she received her Juris Doctor degree.

Justice Newman served in private law practice from 1972-79 where she rose to become the senior partner in the firm of Astor, Weiss & Newman in 1979. Justice Newman served with great distinction as an Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery County, PA. She is the past president of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. She is also a contributing member of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Montgomery County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association.

Additionally, she is a member of the National Association of Women Judges and past board manager of the family law section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Justice Newman serves as chairman of the board of consultants of the Villanova University Law School and a member of the advisory board for the University of Pennsylvania Biddle Law Library.

Justice Newman has been honored by Best Lawyers in America and has received the Drexel 100 Award, 1992, Medallion of Achievement Award of the Villanova Law